

Claims

[c1] What is claimed is:

1. A method for sending a web page to a remote facsimile (fax) machine to be printed comprising:
providing a first computer capable of accessing a web page;
providing a fax machine identified by a fax number capable of receiving fax signals;
providing a transmission means connecting the fax machine to the first computer;
converting the web page into a fax signal;
transmitting the fax signal from the first computer to the fax machine identified by the fax number through the transmission means; and
receiving the fax signal at the fax machine.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising using the fax machine to print the fax signal immediately upon receiving the fax signal.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising storing the fax signal in a buffer of the fax machine.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the web page is converted into the fax signal by using the first computer.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the first computer has a user interface, the method further comprising using the user interface to control conversion of the web page into the fax signal and sending of the fax signal to the fax machine.
6. The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting the fax signal to the fax machine again if a previous transmission of the fax signal to the fax machine fails.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the fax signal is a bitmap image.
8. The method of claim 1 further comprising storing the fax signal in a temporary file in the first computer.

[c9] 9.The method of claim 1 wherein the web page is downloaded to the first computer from Internet.

[c10] 10.The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing a second computer connected to the first computer through a computer network; and
using the second computer to convert another web page into another fax signal and sending the fax signal to the fax machine through the first computer.

[c11] 11.The method of claim 10 wherein the computer network is Internet.

[c12] 12.The method of claim 10 wherein the second computer has a user interface, the method further comprising using the user interface to control conversion of the web page into the fax signal and sending of the fax signal to the fax machine.